

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3338.68US01

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Confirmation No.: 4287

Application No.: 10/530,801

Filed: 08 April 2005

For: DEVICE FOR CONNECTION BETWEEN A CORPOREAL DUCT AND A
PROSTHESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

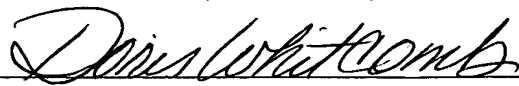
- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- C. Remarks

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